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The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 56/201 of 21 December 2001 on the triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system,

Recalling also its resolution 49/123 of 19 December 1994 on the United Nations Development Programme and the *Human Development Report*,

Reaffirming decisions 94/15[1] of 10 June 1994 and 95/24[2] of 16 June 1995 of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Population Fund on the *Human Development Report*,

Recognizing that the United Nations Development Programme funds, publishes, launches, promotes and disseminates internationally the *Human Development Report*,

Acknowledging that the *Human Development Report* is an important tool for raising awareness about human development around the world,

1. *Recognizes* that the *Human Development Report* does not reflect the views of the United Nations nor its Members, and reaffirms that it should be the result of an independent intellectual exercise and that the policies governing the operational activities for development of the United Nations system will continue to be set by Member States;

2. *Welcomes* decision 2002/18 of 27 September 2002 taken by the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Population Fund on programming arrangements for the period 2004-2007, through

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1994, Supplement No. 15* (E/1994/35/Rev.1).

[2] See ibid., *1995, Supplement No. 14* (E/1995/34).

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which a fixed annual amount of regular resources was allocated to finance the Human Development Report Office, and stresses that such resources should ensure the quality and independent nature of the *Human Development Report* process;

3. *Reaffirms* decision 94/15[1] of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Population Fund by which the Board welcomed the decision of the Administrator to improve the process of consultation with Member States and other relevant international bodies to refine the methodologies used in the report with a view to improving its quality and accuracy without compromising its editorial independence;

4. *Reaffirms also* that the preparation of the *Human Development Report* should be undertaken in a neutral and transparent manner and in full and effective consultation with Member States while respecting the editorial and intellectual independence of the report as well as the impartial nature of sources used in its preparation;

5. *Calls upon* the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Population Fund to take appropriate measures to make operational the above paragraphs and include in its annual work plan an agenda item related to the Human Development Report Office with a view to strengthening consultations with Member States regarding the *Human Development Report* and to ensure the full implementation of the present resolution;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a report on the implementation of the present resolution and to submit it, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session.